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Mr. Neal,

As a manufacturer of food flavors, we urge you to continue to allow materials such as "flavors" to be used in Organic Products. Our "organic flavors" are certified by QAI under the current regulations and used by many manufacturers in Organic food products of all types. The use of flavors is important in order to boost and improve the flavor of packaged organic foods.

Our ingredients are sourced from reputable suppliers and backed by certification from an approved organic certification agency. These raw materials are derived from various organic plant sources through extraction and purification processes utilizing only approved processes and solvents (often water).

Of particular interest to us are:

1. Flavoring ingredients
2. Gums
3. Food Acids
4. Processing aids

De-listing these types of basic food ingredients will put domestic manufacturers at a distinct disadvantage in the world marketplace, as well as limit the availability of consumer accepted organic food products domestically.

Sincerely,

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